

OHIO FARM REPORT



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OHIO EGG PRODUCTION

Egg production in Ohio during April, 2005, totaled 625 million eggs, down 2 percent from last month and up 3 percent compared with a year earlier when production for April, 2004 totaled 606 million eggs. During April, there were 28.0 million layers on Ohio farms. The rate of lay during the month was 2,234 eggs per 100 layers, or 74.5 percent. There were 3.0 percent of the layers in Ohio being force molted on May 1, 2005, compared with 7.5 percent on the same date a year earlier. Twenty-two percent of the layers in Ohio have completed a forced molt, compared with 24.5 percent a year ago. In all egg-producing states on May 1, 2005, 3.9 percent of the layers on hand were in a molt and 22.2 percent had completed a molt.

U.S. egg production totaled 7.39 billion during April 2005, up slightly from last year. Production included 6.29 billion table eggs, and 1.10 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.04 billion were broiler-type and 63 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during April 2005 averaged 344 million, up slightly from a year earlier. April egg production per 100 layers was 2,148 eggs, unchanged from April 2004.

All layers in the U.S. on May 1, 2005, totaled 343 million, up slightly from a year ago. The 343 million layers consisted of 283

million layers producing table or market type eggs, 57.4 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.68 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on May 1, 2005, averaged 71.4 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from a year ago.

Egg-type chicks hatched during April 2005 totaled 38.3 million, up 2 percent from April 2004. Eggs in incubators totaled 35.9 million on May 1, 2005, up 8 percent from a year ago. Broiler-type chicks hatched during April 2005 totaled 790 million, up 2 percent from April 2004. Eggs in incubators totaled 663 million on May 1, 2005, up slightly from a year earlier.

Turkey eggs in incubators on May 1, 2005, in the United States totaled 29.1 million, 2 percent below May 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were 1 percent below the April 1, 2005 total of 29.3 million eggs. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central down 2 percent, West North Central up 4 percent, North and South Atlantic down 6 percent, South Central down 10 percent, and West down 10 percent. The 23.5 million poultts placed during April 2005 in the United States were down 5 percent from the number placed during the same month a year ago.

APRIL EGG PRODUCTION

	Layers on hand during month		Eggs per 100 layers	Total production			
				Monthly		Accumulated ^{1/}	
	2004	2005	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	Thousands		Number	Million			
Ohio	27,874	27,978	2,234	606	625	3,014	3,099
U.S.	342,612	343,975	2,148	7,358	7,388	36,746	37,379

^{1/} Accumulation period began December of previous year.

CHICKS HATCHED BY COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES, UNITED STATES

	Egg-Type			Broiler-type			Turkeys placed ^{1/}		
	2004	2005	2005/2004	2004	2005	2005/2004	2004	2005	2005/2004
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
April	37,466	38,267	102	774,629	789,780	102	24,664	23,540	95
Jan.-April	142,089	151,959	107	3,068,949	3,132,862	102	185,612	176,635	95

^{1/} Accumulation period for turkeys begins September 1.

EGGS IN INCUBATORS - MAY 1, 2005

	Egg-type eggs			Broiler-type eggs			Turkey eggs		
	2004	2005	2005/2004	2004	2005	2005/2004	2004	2005	2005/2004
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
E. North Central ^{1/}	7,349	7,456	101	8,201	8,947	109	4,603	4,506	98
United States	33,347	35,875	108	661,541	663,426	100	29,871	29,133	98

1/ Not available by States.

CATTLE AND CALF INVENTORY AND DISPOSITION, OHIO, 2002 TO 2004

Year	On hand January 1	Calves born	Inship- ments	Marketings		On farm slaughter	Deaths	
				Cattle	Calves		Cattle	Calves
Thousand Head								
2002	1,250	470	31	393	82	6	22	28
2003	1,220	470	52	385	67	6	23	31
2004	1,230	470	67	329	75	5	25	33

CATTLE AND CALF PRODUCTION AND INCOME, OHIO, 2002 TO 2004

Year	Production	Marketings	Average price per 100 lbs.		Cash receipts	Value of home consumption	Gross income
			Cattle	Calves			
Thousand Pounds		Dollars		Thousand Dollars			
2002	432,339	457,705	62.90	78.50	291,800	19,234	311,034
2003	454,660	439,590	73.80	84.00	326,441	22,163	348,604
2004	402,673	380,160	77.70	103.00	301,578	19,554	321,132

HOG INVENTORY NUMBERS, PIG CROP AND DISPOSITION, OHIO, 2000 TO 2004

PORK EXPORT NUMBERS, TO OVERSEAS AND DOMESTIC, 2000 TO 2004							
Year	December 1 Inventory ¹	Pig Crop		Inshipments	Marketings ²	Farm ³ Slaughter	Deaths
		Dec-May	Jun-Nov				
Thousand Head							
2000	1,480	1,321	1,315	610	3,113	9	114
2001	1,490	1,256	1,319	600	3,112	8	115
2002	1,430	1,333	1,340	490	3,027	8	118
2003	1,440	1,307	1,327	450	2,883	8	113
2004	1,520	1,301	1,361	570	3,186	8	108

1/ December 1 previous year. 2/ Excludes interfarm sales. 3/ Excludes custom slaughter for farmers at commercial establishments.

HOG PRODUCTION AND INCOME, OHIO, 2000 TO 2004

Year	Production	Marketings	Price per cwt.	Cash Receipts	Value of Home Consumption	Gross Income
2000	779,960	800,280	41.30	331,091	2,928	334,019
2001	773,625	800,120	43.70	350,103	2,882	352,985
2002	770,158	786,995	33.20	262,307	2,162	264,469
2003	725,762	723,240	38.10	276,864	2,517	279,381
2004	768,946	813,885	49.30	402,719	3,263	405,982

APRIL MILK PRODUCTION

Total milk production in Ohio during April 2005 was 404 million pounds, 12 million pounds more than a year earlier. The average number of cows on Ohio farms during April 2005 was 269 thousand, 8 thousand more than a year earlier. Yield per cow, at 1,500 pounds, was unchanged from the year earlier.

Milk production in the 23 major States during April totaled 13.6 billion pounds, up 3.2 percent from April 2004. March revised

production, at 13.8 billion pounds, was up 2.9 percent from March 2004. The March revision represented a decrease of 0.1 percent or 20 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,679 pounds for April, 43 pounds above April 2004. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.11 million head, 44,000 head more than April 2004, and 12,000 head more than March 2005.

MARCH MANUFACTURED DAIRY PRODUCTS

	Ohio			United States		
	2004	2005	05/04	2004	2005	05/04
	1,000 gallons		Percent	1,000 gallons		Percent
Ice Cream (Hard)	2,520	2,497	99	78,409	78,551	100

APRIL MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION ^{1/}

State	Milk cows on farm ^{2/}			Milk per cow			Milk Production ^{3/}			05/04
	Apr. 2004	Mar. 2005	Apr. 2005	Apr. 2004	Mar. 2005	Apr. 2005	Apr. 2004	Mar. 2005	Apr. 2005	
	Thousand			Pounds			Million Pounds			Percent
California	1,716	1,748	1,751	1,790	1,845	1,820	3,072	3,225	3,187	104
Ohio	261	268	269	1,500	1,520	1,500	392	407	404	103
Wisconsin	1,242	1,233	1,233	1,485	1,560	1,535	1,844	1,923	1,893	103
23 State Total	8,063	8,095	8,107	1,636	1,702	1,679	13,194	13,779	13,612	103

1/ March 2005 revised. 2/Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 3/ Excludes milk sucked by calves

OHIO RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Commercial red meat production in Ohio during April 2005 totaled 23.9 million pounds; was down 8 percent from a year earlier. Total live weight production in Ohio by species, compared with a year earlier was: cattle, 9.9 million pounds, up slightly from last year; calves, 1.8 million pounds, down 29 percent from last year; hogs, 24.4 million pounds, down 9 percent; sheep & lambs, 96 thousand pounds, down 39 percent. April 2005 included 21 weekdays and 5 Saturdays.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.62 billion pounds in April, down 2 percent from the 3.71 billion pounds produced in April 2004. Beef production, at 1.89 billion pounds, was 3 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.56 million head, down 5 percent from April 2004. The average live weight was up 20 pounds from the previous year, at 1,220 pounds. Veal production totaled 13.0

million pounds, 7 percent below April a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 61,600 head, down 13 percent from April 2004. The average live weight was 23 pounds above last year, at 353 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.70 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.44 million head, 2 percent below April 2004. The average live weight was 3 pounds above the previous year, at 271 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 15.5 million pounds, was down 11 percent from April 2004. Sheep slaughter totaled 220,800 head, 14 percent below last year. The average live weight was 141 pounds, up 5 pounds from April a year ago. January to April 2005 commercial red meat production was 14.6 billion pounds, down 1 percent from 2004. April 2005 contained 21 weekdays (including no holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

APRIL COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Item	Ohio			United States		
	2004	2005	Pct. of prev. yr.	2004	2005	Pct. of prev. yr.
Number of Head (000)						
Cattle	8.7	8.7	100	2,697.7	2,560.1	95
Calves	5.9	4.4	75	70.7	61.6	87
Hogs	99.1	89.3	90	8,653.2	8,443.8	98
Sheep & lambs	1.5	1.0	67	256.2	220.8	86
Average live weight (lbs)						
Cattle	1,131	1,144	101	1,200	1,220	102
Calves	424	402	95	330	353	107
Hogs	270	273	101	268	271	101
Sheep & lambs	106	95	90	136	141	104
Total live weight (000 lbs)						
Cattle	9,892	9,949	101	3,237,188	3,122,560	96
Calves	2,486	1,773	71	23,318	21,703	93
Hogs	26,719	24,361	91	2,317,191	2,285,987	99
Sheep & lambs	157	96	61	34,836	31,077	89

EASTERN CORN BELT HIRED WORKERS DOWN 6.8 PERCENT, COMBINED WAGE RATES DOWN

In the eastern Corn Belt region, there were 41,000 hired workers during the survey week of April 10-16, 2005, down 3,000 from a year earlier. Hired workers working 150 days or more decreased 2,000 from last April, totaling 30,000. Those working 149 days or less dropped 1000 workers to 11,000 from last year.

Farm operators in the eastern Corn Belt paid their hired workers an average wage of \$9.51 per hour during the survey week. This represents a 23 cent decrease from last April, and a 55 cent decrease from the January 2004 survey period. Field workers received an average wage of \$8.84 per hour, an hourly pay decrease of 20 cents from last April, and a decrease of 56 cents from January 2004. Livestock workers earned \$9.17 per hour, an increase of 30 cents per hour from last year. The field and livestock combined wage rate dropped to \$8.91 per hour, a drop of 9 cents per hour from last year. Hired workers worked an average of 37.7 hours per week, down from last April's 40.6 hours per week.

In the U.S., there were 978 thousand hired workers on the Nations's farms and ranches during the week of April 10-16, 2005, down 10 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 746,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 232,000 workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$9.34 per hour during the April 2005 reference week, up 11 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$8.55 per hour, up 8 cents from last April, while livestock workers earned \$9.23 per hour compared with \$8.95 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$8.73 per hour, was up 14 cents from last year. The number of hours worked averaged 39.8 hours for hired workers during the survey week, down 2 percent from a year ago.

FARM EMPLOYMENT AND WAGE RATES, EASTERN CORN BELT AND U.S., APRIL 10-16, 2005 WITH COMPARISONS

	Eastern Corn Belt ^{1/}			United States ^{2/}		
	April 11-17 2004	Jan. 9-15 2005	April 10-16 2005	April 11-17 2004	Jan. 9-15 2005 ^{5/}	April 10-16 2005
Thousand of Workers						
Farm Employment						
Hired	44	28	41	827	589	746
150 days or more	32	24	30	651	494	596
149 days or less	12	4	11	176	95	150
Ag. Service Workers						
Dollars per hour						
Wage Rates						
All hired farm workers ^{3/ 4/}	9.74	10.06	9.51	9.23	9.78	9.34
Type of Worker						
Field & Livestock	9.00	9.18	8.91	8.59	8.90	8.73
Field	9.04	9.40	8.84	8.47	8.71	8.55
Livestock	8.87	8.95	9.17	8.95	9.20	9.23
Hours Worked per week						
Hired	40.6	33.2	37.7	40.6	37.0	39.8

1/ Ohio, Indiana, Illinois. 2/ Excludes AK. 3/ Benefits, such as housing and meals are provided some workers but the values are not included in the wages rates. 4/ Excludes Agricultural Service workers. 5/ Revised.

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